Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer):*
Yes. The request in the petition is to take up the construction of the Kattur-Kakkathuruthy road as a famine relief measure. The acquisition proceedings are in progress.

The question of making necessary provision for the construction work in the next programme of road works has been placed before the Road Board.

FAMINE RELIEF WORKS—UNDERTAKING OF

157. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) കൊടുങ്കാറ്റു ദുരിതനിവാരണാർത്ഥം വല്ല ക്ഷാമപണികളും ഇതേവരെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതേവരെ ആ വകക്കു് എത്ര സംഖ്യ ചിലവാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടു് ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഡി. നാരായണയ്യർ: (എ) ജോലിയില്ലായ്മ കുറക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ടി പലേ വലുതായ പണികളും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും ഉടനെ തുടങ്ങുവാൻ ആലോചിച്ചുവരുന്നു.

(ബി) മുകളിൽ പറഞ്ഞ ഉത്തരം നോക്കുക.

158. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkalam):* With reference to the proceedings of the public meeting held at Alur on Sunday, the 26th Edavam 1116, a copy of which has been forwarded by the President of the meeting to the Secretary to the Government of Cochin will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what action has been taken in reference to the resolutions requesting the Government to start famine relief works immediately by opening (1) Mattam—Alur Road and (2) Panchayat Roads and (3) providing an irrigation tank;

(*b*) what action has been taken with reference to each of the three items of work referred to above;

(*c*) whether these items of famine relief work will be started shortly;

(*d*) if not, what is the reason for not doing so?

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Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar *(Offg. Chief Engineer)* :

(*a*) Alur—Mattam Road. This will be placed in the next Road Board meeting for consideration.

(2) The lane starting from the Koonamuchy—Alur Road has been proposed to be improved this year.

(3) The Panchayat has remarked that the work is not necessary and hence not considered.

(*b*) See answer to sub-division (*a*) above.

(*c*) Mattam—Alur Road work will be taken up if it is included in the persent Road Board programme. For the other works please see answer to sub-division (*a*).

(*d*) Answer does not arise.

PATIENTS ATTENDING TUBERCULAR CLINIC, TRICHUR—PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SPREAD OF DISEASE

159. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that a large number of tubercular patients are occupying residential quarters in the town of Trichur in proximity to the Trichur clinic;

(*b*) whether in-patients are not being admitted and treated in the clinic;

(*c*) whether any precautionary measures against further spread of the disease from such patients have been taken by the Government;

(*d*) whether any decision on the proposal to start a sanatorium at Ramavarmapuram has been taken by the Government?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) A few patients are known to be residing at Trichur.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Methods of prevention are explained to the patients in the clinic and they are given pamphlets dealing with preventive measures.

(*d*) The scheme is deferred for the present.

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